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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10706480 in the amount of \$130.00 has been denied.

The Petition was denied therefore the refund is denied.

Sincerely,

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